THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Governments.

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LONDON, *January* 30.

LETTERS from Peterſburgh, dated January 17th, mention, that the Ruſſian army had defeated 12,000 Turks, who had ſtrongly entrenched themſelves near Precop, and forced the lines at the Iſthmus, which were ſeven werſts in length, extending from the ſea of Aſoph or Paulus Mœotis to the Black ſea. Her imperial Majeſty's troops have taken a great quantity of baggage and ammunition, and from this ſignal victory are become entirely maſters of the Crimea.

Feb. 6. The American deſpatches brought over in the Aurora have afforded great ſatisfaction to the Miniſtry. The veſſel was taken by the bravery of four Engliſhmen, who, happening to be upon deck with their loaded fuſees, whilſt the American ſailors were up in the ſhrouds, preſented their pieces, and ordering them to come down ſingly, ſecured them under the hatches, and ſteered for Liverpool.----Enclоſed was a packet from the Congreſs for Dr. Franklin, ſealed with their arms, which, with a delicacy not always to be met with in Britiſh tars, they forebore to open, rightly judging it improper for the contents to be made known to any other than Adminiſtration.----This packet they brought to London, and on Saturday morning delivered it into the hands of Lord North. The contents of this packet will inform Government of what they have long wiſhed to know, the true motives of Dr. Franklin's journey to the Court of France.

Her Majeſty is in the 6th month of her pregnancy.

Feb. 8. Tueſday laſt arrived at Glaſgow, one of the independent companies of the 42d regiment, or royal Highlanders, from fort George, in order to embark for America; four companies of the 71ſt are alſo ordered for the ſame place. It is alſo ſaid the firſt battalion of the Scots royals are to embark for America from Greenock at the ſame time.

An additional company to every regiment in Canada is ordered to be ready for embarkation.

Twenty officers of the guards, of different ranks, are ordered to be ready to embark to relieve the like number in America.

Yeſterday the lower aſſembly received a copy of a convention concluded between his Majeſty and the landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel, relative to taking more foreign troops into our ſervice, dated on the 12th of December laſt, which was ordered to lie on the table to be peruſed.

Feb. 9. Two American veſſels, with about 2000 barrels of flour on board, from Philadelphia for Bourdeaux, are taken off the Bermuda iſlands, and ſent to the Weſt Indies.

A further number of troops, it is ſaid will be aſked from Ireland, and their places to be ſupplied by new levies.

The additional troops for which the treaty was ſigned laſt December with the Prince of Heſſe, conſiſt entirely of foot, and no general officers.

Extract of a letter from Hanau, *January* 24.

"A corps of volunteer chaſſeurs are raiſing here for the ſervice of, and to be in the pay of Great Britain, deſtined to join the corps of troops of Heſſe Hanau in America. They will have the ſame high pay which the Court of London hath given to the Heſſian chaſſeurs."

Feb. 10. Friday laſt orders were given for ſhipping 2000 barrels of porter, in order to be ſent as ſoon as poſſible to Rhode Iſland, for our troops.

Feb. 17. Every preparation is making on the ſide of Government, in order to render the enſuing campaign in America deciſive; as the land forces are to be conſiderably augmented, and double the number of cruiſers will be employed, the more effectually to block up the ports of the colonies, and prevent their carrying on any trade at all.

General Burgoyne is expected to ſail in about ſix weeks for Canada, to which province he will be attended by ſeveral young Noblemen and Gentlemen as volunteers.

Feb. 20. Two regiments or battalions of foot are to go from England this ſpring, and the like number from Ireland.

The above troops, with the additional German auxiliaries, will make a reinforcement of 20,000 men to the army in America.

The Raiſonable of 64 guns, at Plymouth, and the Iſis, of 50 guns, at Portſmouth, are to replace the Ariſa and Experiment, returned from America.

Advice is ſaid to have been received from Paris, that Lord Stormont, having information that an American privateer was at Breſt, taking on board a cargo of warlike ſtores, made application to the Court of Verſailles, who ſent orders for the above veſſel to reland her lading, and depart from that port immediately. *(Very probable!)*

Yeſterday a draught was made from the guards, when only two out of every company were taken, and twelve men out of ſeveral of the companies offered themſelves as volunteers.

It is aſſerted that a meſſenger ſet out yeſterday for Peterſburgh, with inſtructions for the Britiſh Miniſter at that Court to forward with all poſſible expedition the completion of the treaty, by which the Empreſs ongages to furniſh Great Britain with a body of 20,000 men.

The bill to enable his Majeſty to ſecure and detain perſons charged with high treaſon in America, or for piracy on the ſeas, was read the ſecond time; whereupon great debates enſued, which continued from four till a quarter before nine, when the Houſe divided, for the bill 195, againſt it 39, majority 156.

The bill to empower his Majeſty to ſecure and detain perſons charged with, or ſuſpected of, the crime of high treaſon, committed in North America, or on the high ſeas, or the crime of piracy,---as filled up and corrected in the Committee, and which was read the third time, and paſſed the 19th of February, 1777.

"WHEREAS a rebellion and war have been openly and traiterouſly levied and carried on in certain of his Majeſty's colonies and plantations in America, and acts of treaſon and piracy have been committed on the high ſeas, and upon the ſhips and goods of his Majeſty's ſubjects; and many perſons have been ſeized and taken, who are expreſsly charged or ſtrongly ſuſpected of ſuch treaſons and felonies, and many more ſuch perſons may be hereafter ſo ſeized and taken:

"And whereas ſuch perſons have been or may be brought into this kingdom, and into other parts of his Majeſty's dominions; and it may be inconvenient in many ſuch caſes, to proceed forthwith to the trial of ſuch criminals, and at the ſame time of evil example to ſuffer them to go at large:

"Be it therefore enacted by the King's moſt excellent Majeſty, by and with the advice and conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authority of the ſame, that all and every perſon or perſons, who have been, or ſhall hereafter be ſeized and taken in the act of high treaſon committed in any of his Majeſty's colonies or plantations in America, or on the high ſeas, or in the act of piracy, or who are, or ſhall be charged with, or ſuſpected of the crime of high treaſon, committed in any of the ſaid colonies, or on the high ſeas, or of piracy, and who have been, or ſhall be committed, in any part of his Majeſty's dominions, for ſuch crimes, or any of them, or for ſuſpicion of ſuch crimes, or either of them, by any magiſtrate having competent authority in that behalf, to the common gaol, or other place of confinement, as is herein after provided for that purpoſe, ſhall and may be thereupon ſecured and detained in ſafe cuſtody, without bail or mainprize, until the firſt day January 1778, and that no judge or juſtice of peace ſhall bail or try any ſuch perſon or perſons, without order from his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council, ſigned by ſix of the ſaid Privy Council, until the ſaid firſt day of January 1778, any law, ſtatute, or uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

"And whereas it may be neceſſary to provide for ſuch priſoners, within this realm, ſome other places of confinement, beſides common gaols; be it enacted by the authority aforeſaid, that it ſhall and may be lawful for his Majeſty, by warrant under his ſign manual, to appoint one or more place or places of confinement, within the realm, for the cuſtody of ſuch priſoners; and all and every magiſtrate and magiſtrates, having competent authority in that behalf, are hereby authoriſed to commit ſuch perſons as aforeſaid, to ſuch place or places of confinement ſo to be appointed, inſtead of the common gaol.

"Provided always, and be it enacted, that no offence ſhall be conſtrued to be piracy within the meaning of this act, except acts of felony committed on the ſhips and goods of his Majeſty's ſubjects by perſons on the high ſeas.

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, that this act ſhall continue and be in force until the ſaid firſt day of January 1778, and no longer."

Feb 25. All the troops deſtined for America will be embarked before the 20th of March, in order to be early in the field.

Feb. 27. Yeſterday the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a committee to conſider the permitting the importation of lumber, and the following reſolutions were agreed to.

Reſolved, that it is the opinion of this committee, that the planters in

the West India islands are in great want of staves, and other lumber, for their plantations.

Resolved, that it is expedient to authorise British ships or vessels to carry lumber from the Baltic, the North and Mediterranean seas, to the West India islands, for a limited time.

Resolved, that it may be expedient to grant a bounty on staves and other lumber, imported from Canada, East and West Florida, Nova Scotia, and the island of St. John's to the West Indies, and Musqueto Shore.

Resolved, that it may also be expedient to enable his Majesty's commissioners in North America, and Governor Tryon, Governor of the province of New York, to grant licences to the commanders of British ships, to export lumber to the West India islands from the province of New York for a limited time.

Sir William Erskine is appointed Aid-de-Camp to his Majesty, in the room of Sir Thomas Spencer Wilson, preferred.

Extract of a letter from PLYMOUTH, *Feb.* 4.

"They talk of fitting up Storehouse prison (used as such last war) for the Americans who may be taken and brought in here."

Yesterday Admiral Shuldham, lately arrived from New York, was at Court, and had a conference with the King, and kissed his Majesty's hand on being created an Irish Peer.

Yesterday the bill for detention of persons without bail or mainprize, who might be seized on suspicion of treason committed in America, or of piracy on the high seas, was read thethird time, and passed by the Lords.

This morning some fresh advices were received at Lord George Germaine's office, from General Howe, at New York, which were brought over in the Favourite Betsey packet, Capt. Squires, who arrived yesterday off Dover, after a passage of five weeks: Capt. Squires writes as follows:

"That on his passage he spoke with the Lord North, who had fallen in with the King George, a transport which was dismasted and otherwise in distress, and had on board a great number of Hessian recruits, which the Lorth North took out and arrived safe with them."

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 23.

SUNDRY persons in the province of New York have been lately detected in attempting to pass counterfeit paper currency, having been tempted to follow the desperate employment by the terms offered in the following advertisement, taken from Hugh Gaine's gazette of the 14th ult. viz.---" Persons going into the other colonies may be supplied " with any number of counterfeited Congress notes for the price of the " paper per ream. They are so neatly and exactly executed, that there " is no risk in getting them off, it being almost impossible to discover " that they are not genuine. This has been proved by bills to a very " large amount, which have been successfully circulated. Inquire for " Q. E. D. at the coffeehouse, from 11 P. M. to 4 A. M. during the " present month."

General Howe has appointed Governor Tryon to the command of the provincial troops raised in New York, with the rank of Major General.

The Ministry's plan of operations for the summer campaign is, for Burgoyne, and a number of men of war from England, to attack and take possession of Boston; Clinton to make an attack from Rhode Island, while Carlton comes over the lakes; and the main army at New York to enter Connecticut from the East river.

The brave General Wooster, who was wounded through the groin in the action near Danbury, is since dead.

This week a flag was sent from the Phœnix ship of war in the bay, with a letter intended for his Excellency the Governor, but being improperly directed, could not be received.

The ship Albion, which has been so long expected round from South Quay, in order to take on board a number of British subjects to sail for their native country, is detained by the men of war in the bay, and it is thought will not be released till Lord Howe's pleasure is known.

Deaths.] In this city, on Wednesday last, COLE DIGGES, Esq; a Delegate for the county of Warwick.---In Gloucester, JAMES PARKE FARLEY, Esq; of North Carolina.---Mrs. TAZEWELL, spouse of HENRY TAZEWELL, Esq; of Brunswick county.---Mr. WILLIAM FRARSON, dancingmaster.

NEWBERN *(North Carolina) May* 2. A few days ago the Pennsylvania Farmer, an armed brig belonging to this State, arrived from the island of Guadaloupe, and brings an account that 22 sail of French line of battle ships, 12 frigates, and a number of transports, with 8000 troops, were certainly arrived at Martinico from Old France, but that their destination was a profound secret.

PHILADELPHIA, *May* 8. The following accounts have been received by Congress, relating to the enemies attack upon the village of Danbury in Connecticut. Published by order of Congress.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

General Arnold to General M'Dougal.

West-Riding, April 27, 1777, *X. o'clock.*

"On Friday evening last the enemy landed about 2000 men at Compo, eight miles west of Fairfield, and on Saturday, two o'clock, P. M. reached Danbury, which was abandoned by a handful of our men. The enemy immediately began burning and destroying our magazines of provisions, &c. Last night, at half past eleven, General Wooster, General Silliman, and myself, with 600 militia, arrived at Bethel, eight miles from Danbury. The excessive heavy rains rendered their arms useless, and many of the troops were much fatigued, having marched 33 miles in the course of the day, without refreshment.

"At 6 this morning we divided the troops into two divisions, being uncertain if they would return by way of Fairfield or Norwalk. One division was stationed on each road, on a cross road, where they could support each other. We have this minute information that at nine this morning the enemy set fire to the meeting-house, and most of the buildings in town, and had taken the route to Newbury, leading either to Peck's Kill or Tarry Town. We imagine they are destined to the latter, as we hear they landed 800 men there yesterday morning. We propose following them immediately, in hopes of coming up with the rear, and hope you will be able to take them in front. I am, with esteem, Sir, &c.

B. ARNOLD."

Pangatuck, 3 miles east Norwalk, April 28, 1777, 6 *o'clock* P. M.

"SIR,

"Soon after I wrote you yesterday, I found the enemy were on their march for Ridgefield; at 11 o'clock we arrived, about an hour before them, with 500 men. We had little time to make a disposition of our troops, when a smart action began, which lasted about one hour. Our troops were obliged to give way to superior numbers. I ordered a stand to be made at this place. At 11 o'clock this morning we met the enemy, with 500 militia, about two miles from this place, when a skirmishing began between the flanks, and soon became general, which continued until 5 o'clock, when the enemy gained an height, under cover of their ships, and embarked before night. At the beginning of the action Col. Huntington joined me with 500 men, and before it was over a small number of General Wadsworth's brigade. General Wooster, whose conduct does him great honour, was mortally wounded yesterday, Lieutenant Colonel Gold killed, and Colonel Lamb wounded. Our loss otherwise is not great, about twenty killed and wounded. The enemy's loss is uncertain, as they carried off most of their killed and wounded; several prisoners have fallen into our hands. As soon as the troops were embarked, the fleet got under way, and stood to the eastward.

General M'Dougall. B. ARNOLD.

"SIR, *April* 28, *sunset.*

"Since I wrote your honour by express yesterday afternoon, from Ridgefield, I find we have killed of the enemy, in all yesterday's* skirmishes, twelve, thirteen prisoners, including some wounded. The prisoners say many wounded were carried on with the British army. General Wooster is mortally wounded. The enemy marched early this morning from Ridgefield. I pursued them, and had a skirmish with them in the north part of the town of Norwalk, in which we had none killed, five wounded. What loss the enemy sustained is uncertain. Soon after this action, I fell under the command of General Arnold.

Your's &c. JED. HUNTINGTON.

General Wooster, till he received his wound, conducted and commanded the unconnected and undisciplined troops with great spirit, zeal, and bravery.

* *We have no accounts of the killed of the enemy in the two engagements of the* 28*th, one of which lasted six hours.*

May 7. The Honourable the Congress have promoted Brigadier General Arnold to the rank of Major General.

Extract of a letter from General Washington *to* CONGRESS, *dated May* 5, 1777.

"By Major Troop, one of General Gates's aid de camp, and who left Albany on Tuesday last, I am informed the accounts of General Carlton's approach towards Ticonderoga were premature. He says, General Gates received a letter, before he came away, from Brigadier General Wayne, of the 24th ult. in which he mentioned nothing of it. That 3000 troops had arrived there, all in high spirits and health, except nine; and that that post could never be carried without the loss of much blood." Published by order of Congress.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

BOSTON, *April* 24. A State sloop of war arrived in port yesterday afternoon, from Martinico, having on board 1200 stands of arms, 13,000 weight of powder, a quantity of linen, and several hundred bushels of salt.

CHESTERFIELD, *April* 27, 1777.

WHEREAS my Wife ANNE MAJOR, about three Months ago, eloped from my Houſe and Bed, without any juſt Reaſon, I do hereby forewarn all Perſons from truſting her on my Account, as I will not be anſwerable for any Debts ſhe may contract after this Date.

2‖ JOHN TINSLEY.

THIS is to certify, that I ſome Time ago enliſted under *William Black* of *Cheſterfield* County, in the Service of this State, for one Year, at which Time of my Enliſtment the ſaid *William Black* agreed to appoint me Serjeant, and my Wages to go on from laſt *Chriſtmas*. His failing to fulfil this Agreement, which I have from under his Hand, was my Reaſon for leaving the Company, but am ready and willing to return into the Service with *Black*, or any other Perſon, as ſoon as ſaid Agreement is complied with. (2‖) JOHN RAGLAND.

THE Members of the YORK RIVER COMPANY are hereby reminded, that *Monday* the 26th of this Month is the Day appointed for a general Meeting, when it is hoped all Subſcribers will attend (at Mr. *Southall*'s in *Williamſburg*) or depute ſome Perſon to vote for them, as it is propoſed to increaſe the Stock. [YORK, *May* 15, 1777.]

2 WILLIAM REYNOLDS, Manager.

ANY Perſons wanting Bills to the Northward may be ſupplied with them, on the Congreſs, by applying to MAXWELL & LOYALL, Continental Marine Agents at *Williamſburg* and *Portſmouth*. (‖)

LOUISA *County*, *April* 30, 1777.

STOLEN, ſome Time in *November* 1775, a Negro Man named ABRAHAM, *Virginia* born, about 28 or 29 Years old, 5 Feet 10 or 11 Inches high; he is a black Negro, with large Calves to his Legs, his upper fore Teeth incline out rather more than common, and has an Impediment, or Stammering in his Speech when he ſpeaks haſtily; he is a well proportioned Fellow, and can ſaw very well, but was brought up chiefly to the Planter's Buſineſs. I am informed he was ſtolen by one *Joſeph Cook* of *Pittſylvania* County, who, to prevent his Owner's getting or hearing of him, conveyed him out to *Watauga*, within 6 or 7 Miles of the *Great Iſland* on *Holſtein* River, and, through a Blind, put him under one *Thomas Sheat*, an Inhabitant of that Place, where I went in Purſuit of him, and underſtood by the ſaid *Sheat* that it was the ſame Negro that I deſcribed to him, but was brought there by the ſaid *Cook*, and put under him to make a Crop of Corn, and that he intended to move into thoſe Parts to live; but I have ſufficient Reaſon to believe that the ſaid *Sheat* is in Confederacy with *Cook*, and that *Sheat* had Intelligence of my being in Purſuit of ſaid Negro before I could get there, and concealed him, telling me that *Cook* had ſent for him four or five Days before, and he was gone to him. Upon which I returned to *Bedford* Courthouſe, and ſent Word to *Cook* to meet me there with the Negro, which he failed to comply with, but ſent a Letter in Retaliation for the Negro. I have likewiſe been informed, that if ever *Cook* ſhould underſtand that I have heard of his ſtealing the ſaid Negro, he intended to convey him to *New Orleans*, where he expected the Owner would never get him. I will give twenty Pounds to any Perſon that will deliver the ſaid Negro to me, and on Conviction of the Thief forty Pounds. The ſaid Negro has changed his Name to WILL, and, by Promiſe of *Cook*, was to have his Freedom after a Year or two, and in all Probability may now paſs for a free Man.

(2‖) RICHARD PHILLIPS.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcriber, in *Hanover* County, the 23th of *April* laſt, a BAY ROAN HORSE, 8 Years old, and near 5 Feet high, branded on the near Buttock I H, as well as I remember, his hind Feet white up to his Footlocks, paces well, a Lump on his Back, one ſide of his Mane cut off, and has a Switch Tail. If not ſtolen, I expect he will make for *Frederick* County, where he was bred.----I will give THREE POUNDS Reward to any One that will deliver ſaid Horſe to me, or FIVE POUNDS (if ſtolen) on Conviction of the Thief, if a white Man. (2‖) JOHN STARKE, Junior.

FREDERICKSBURG, *April* 22, 1777.

ALL Perſons indebted to *John M'Call* and Co. *M'Call, Smellie*, and Co. or *George M'Call* and Co. Merchants in *Glaſgow*, for Dealings at their Store in *Fredericksburg*, with *George M'Call, Henry Mitchell*, or *James Freeland*, or to *Andrew Thomſon* and Co. Merchants in *Glaſgow*, for Dealings at their Store at *Mattox*, in *Weſtmoreland* County, with *Daniel Fitzhugh, Archibald Bryce*, or *Hugh Leitch*, are deſired to take Notice, that after my Departure there will be no Perſon left in this State who has Authority from theſe Gentlemen to receive Payments on their Account. (‖) HENRY MITCHELL.

TWENTY DOLLARS Reward for one RICHARD FOXWELL, who deſerted from *Williamſburg* the 10th of *April* laſt. He is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a ruddy Complexion, very talkative, ſnuffles in his Speech, and had on, when he went away, a dark Coat and Jacket. I underſtand he has ſince enliſted with one *Perkins*, and again deſerted. His firſt Puſh was to the *Eaſtern Shore*, where he lived ſome Time after leaving the Northward, of which he ſaid he was a Native.

2‖ CHARLES COLLIER, 1ſt Lieut.

STRAYED, or ſtolen, out of my Paſture in *Southampton* County, the 20th of *April* laſt, a bright bay HORSE, 8 Years old, near 14½ Hands high, docked ſhort, Switch Tail and hanging Mane, Footlocks and Ears lately trimmed, a large white Spot on the left Side of his Back, trots and paces ſlow, and is ſtack of Spirit. If ſtolen, a Reward of five Pounds ſhall be paid to the Perſon who ſhall convict the Thief, and forty Shillings if ſtrayed, on delivering the Horſe.

2‖ HENRY TAYLOR.

CHARLOTTE, *April* 24, 1777.

THE Creditors of *George Cloudaſh*, deceaſed, are requeſted to bring in their Accounts, that they may receive Payment.----Mr. *John Archer* is particularly deſired to bring in his Deed of Truſt for a Negro Fellow belonging to the Eſtate of the ſaid Deceaſed, named *Juba*.

2‖ THOMAS CARTER, SACK: BREWER, } Adm'rs.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 15, 1777.

BEING appointed by the Honourable the General Aſſembly of *North Carolina* Printer to that State, I think it neceſſary to inform the Public thereof, that ſo ſoon as I ſettle my Affairs in *Virginia*, which I hope will be in a few Weeks, I ſhall repair there, in Order not only to carry on the *immediate* PUBLIC BUSINESS of the ſame, but alſo a free and independent VEHICLE of INTELLIGENCE, which will be publiſhed weekly. Thoſe who may be willing to encourage the Undertaking, ſo obviouſly uſeful and benificial in any State, will pleaſe to leave their Names with either *Willie Jones*, Eſquire, at *Halifax*, Doctor *William Savage* at *Edenton*, Mr. *Tomlinſon*, Tavernkeeper at *Newbern*, or with any other Perſons whom the above Gentlemen may ſend Subſcription Papers to for that Purpoſe; and the ſooner they do this the better, as I ſhall be anxious to go to Work immediately after my Arrival among them. As it is indeſpenſably requiſite, on Account of the enormous Expence of every Material, that half the Subſcription Money ſhould be paid at the Time of ſubſcribing, no Gentleman, I expect, will refuſe to do it; and I promiſe them no Pains ſhall be wanting to give Satisfaction. The Price of the Gazette will be twenty Shillings *per Annum* Proc.— I cannot ſufficiently expreſs my Thanks to the worthy Repreſentatives of *North Carolina* for the unanimous Choice of me as their Servant; but, I truſt my Gratitude will be more fully evinced by a due Obſervance towards the Impartiality of my Paper, and a ſtrict Adherence to all the other Duties of my Office. I am, with the utmoſt Deference and Reſpect, their's and the Public's moſt obedient Servant,

JOHN PINKNEY.

MANCHESTER, *May* 15, 1777.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, a Negro Man named ABRAHAM, formerly the Property of Captain *Francis Smith*, late of *Hanover* County, *Virginia* born, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, very black, thin viſaged, and of a pleaſant Countenance. I do not know how to deſcribe his Dreſs, as he has different Kinds with him. He has a Wife at a Quarter of the Hon. *William Nelſon*'s, Eſq; in *King William*, ſeveral Relations at Mr. *Claiborne*'s, in the ſame County, ſome at Mr. *William Dandridge*'s and Mr. *Sherwood Tinſley*'s, in *Hanover* County, at ſome of which Places I imagine he is harboured by his Friends. I will give any Perſon who will ſecure him in a public Gaol, or deliver him to me at *Manchester*, a Reward of FORTY SHILLINGS.

‖ EDWARD JOHNSON.

NANSEMOND, *May* 15, 1777.

I INTEND for the *Weſt Indies* ſoon, and to return in the Fall for my Family, when I purpoſe to diſpoſe of my Property in this Country.

2‖ JOHN AGNEW.

MANCHESTER, *May* 10, 1777.

AS Mr. *Charles Irving* of *Albemarle*, and Mr. *Robert Murray* of *Cumberland* County, have given up the Charge of the Buſineſs they were lately employed in for Meſſrs. *Henderſon, M'Caul*, and Company, of *Glaſgow*, I ſhall be glad if thoſe to whom that Company is indebted will apply to me, and receive Payment.

(2) JAMES LYLE.

THE Treaſurer, Truſtees, and Subſcribers, to the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, collected laſt *Sunday*, from the two Audiences, £. 37:17:10, for which they beg Leave to return their ſincere Thanks to the generous Contributors.---On the Day following they ordered £. 86 to be diſtributed among ſix Widows and the Orphans of four Clergymen, and appointed Officers for the enſuing Year, *viz.* the Reverend Meſſ. *John Camm*, Treaſurer, *James M. Fontaine*, *Henry Skyring*, *William Leigh*, *Thomas Price*, *Thomas Lundie*, and *Price Davies*, Truſtees; *James Madiſon* Morning, and *Samuel S. M'Croſky* Evening Preacher. (1)

[*May* 13, 1777.] JACOB BRUCE, Clerk.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, laſt *Monday* Night, from this City, a DARK BAY HORSE 15 Hands high, has a remarkable large Head, a buſhy Mane, and Switch Tail, is a natural Pacer, and branded I D, but the I is ſcarcely to be ſeen. Whoever delivers the ſaid Horſe to the Printers of this Paper ſhall have TWENTY SHILLINGS Reward, and on Conviction of the Thief, FIVE POUNDS.

DESERTED from the MANLY Galley, three Men, *viz.* FRANCIS ARBADO, a black *Franchoman*, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, the other two belonging to Mr. *Peters* at *Hood's*, one a thick ſtout made Fellow, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, the other a ſhort thick Fellow, about 25 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 or 7 Inches high. Whoever apprehends the ſaid Deſerters ſhall have TEN DOLLARS Reward for each.

(1) WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

WILLIAMSBURG MANUFACTORY, *May* 6, 1777.

HAVING employed an exceeding good Heckler, regularly bred to the Buſineſs in *England*, at this Manufactory, any Perſons who have Flax to dreſs may have it done in the beſt and moſt expeditious Manner, on reaſonable Terms; the Price of heckling to be paid before the Flax is taken away, although it would be equally agreeable to receive a Part thereof in Payment.

We purpoſe to purchaſe rough Materials for manufacturing, and when wrought up to vend the ſame. To the Planter and Farmer we leave the Buſineſs of raiſing Hemp, Flax, Cotton, and Wool; and for any of theſe Articles, we give ready Money. We ſell Hemp and Flax in ſmall Quantities, properly prepared for ſpinning.

This Manufactory is ſituated within a few Steps of the *Capitol Landing*, extremely convenient to the Counties of *York* and *Gloucester*, and to the *Eaſtern Shore*, from whence any thing may be eaſily conveyed by Water. Good Encouragement is given to SPINNERS, if they are Perſons of good Character; and a MISTRESS SPINNER we are in immediate Want of, to whom good Wages will be given, provided ſhe comes well recommended. We are alſo in Want of a WOOL COMBER.

We are glad to have the Factory viſited by thoſe whom it may be agreeable to, but hope no Perſon would wiſh to do it ſo much Injury as to take any Steps that may induce the People employed there to leave it.

JOHN CRAWFORD, Manager.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *Goochland* County the 29th of *October* 1775, a Negro Man named ARTHUR, a thin, raw boned, artful, *Virginia* born Fellow, of a yellowiſh Complexion, about 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, 35 or 40 Years of Age, ſtreight limbed, walks quick, ſmiles when ſpoken to, has loſt ſeveral of his upper Teeth, has a thin hollow Foot, and carried with him a Variety of Clothes, which he ſtole. Whoever delivers him to me in *Goochland* ſhall have FIVE POUNDS Reward, or FIFTY SHILLINGS if ſecured ſo that I get him again. (4f) WILLIAM POWELL.

URBANNA, *May* 5, 1777.

ALL Perſons who have any juſt Claims againſt *John M'Dowall*, Eſq; and Company, of *Glaſgow*, are requeſted to make them known without loſs of Time, and they ſhall be paid, as I purpoſe declining their Buſineſs immediately. BENNETT BROWNE.

CABIN POINT, *April* 17, 1777.

I SHALL be much obliged to thoſe who may have the Management of Dr. *Doeber's* Affairs to take Care of for me the following Books, and by the firſt Opportunity to ſend them to *Williamſburg* to Dr. *M'Clurg*, *viz.* CULLEN's Lectures on the Practice of Phyſic, 4 Volumes, Monro's Anatomical Lectures, 2 Volumes, Pharmacopœia Pauperum in Edburgenſis. The above Books Dr. *Campbell* of *Norfolk* borrowed of me and ſent them to Dr. *Doeber*.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL.

TO BE RENTED, an exceeding good Dwelling-Houſe, with all neceſſary Outhouſes, two Lots well paled in, and a Stable in *Hanover* Town. Particulars may be known by applying to

LEIGHTON WOOD, Junior.

*** Who has to hire a NEGRO WENCH and GIRL, both uſed to Houſe Buſineſs.

RUN away, the 10th of *April* laſt, BEN, a Negro Fellow belonging to the Eſtate of *Adam Fleming*, Eſq; deceaſed. He is 25 or 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, rather thin made, and wears his Hair much down on his Cheeks, like Whiſkers. He has been lurking about *Williamſburg* and *York*, and plays the Fiddle. His Clothes I cannot deſcribe.---Whoever will bring the ſaid Negro to me at *Cabin Point*, *Surry* County, ſhall be entitled to 40 s. beſides what the Law allows.

JAMES WILLIAMSON.

☞ Any Perſon to whom *Adam Fleming*, Eſq; deceaſed, is indebted, by Bond or Account, will pleaſe to apply to *James Williſon* for Payment.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 7, 1777.

WHEREAS the Tanyard near this City, the Property of the late Mr. *William Pearſon*, deceaſed, is now occupied by the Subſcriber and Company, and they intending to carry on that Buſineſs to the greateſt Extent they poſſibly can, will give ready Money, and the higheſt Price, for Hides and Skins; and, as an Inducement to thoſe that have either to diſpoſe of, and ſhould want Leather, they may depend on being firſt ſupplied with what they have Occaſion for, as good, and on as reaſonable Terms, as by any other Perſon in the State. And as this Buſineſs carried on here may be of great Service to this Neighbourhood, they hope to have the Preference of all Skins and Hides that arrive this City. They flatter themſelves they will be able to give general Satisfaction, the Subſcriber being well acquainted with the Buſineſs, and particularly the Currying Part, which is ſo very neceſſary.

WILLIAM PLUMB, & Co.

WILLIAMSBURG, *May* 5, 1777.

I intend to leave the Country immediately. JOSHUA HARDCASTLE.

TO BE LET, at *Buckingham* Courthouſe, the ſecond *Monday* in *June* next, being Court Day, the Building a Brick Courthouſe 50 Feet in Length, and 32 Feet from the Front to the Back of the Building; the Court Room to be 20 Feet wide, with a Wing on each Side 20 Feet by 15; the Wall to the Water Table to be three Bricks thick and three Feet high, and from the Water Table to the Top two Bricks thick and twelve Feet high; a Chimney, with a Fire-Place to each of the ſmall Rooms; the Roof to be hipt, and covered with Plank and Shingles of Heart Pine; a Modillon Cornice to the Eaves; the inner Walls to be plaiſtered and white waſhed; the Bench, Bar, and other inſide Work, to be finiſhed in a genteel Manner; the Particulars of which will be agreed on at the Time of letting the Work. One Third Part of the Money to be paid when a ſufficient Number of Bricks for the Building are made and burnt, one other Third when the Walls ſhall be raiſed, and the Remainder when the Whole ſhall be completely finiſhed; for the Performance of which, by the laſt Day of *October* 1778, Bond and Security will be required of the Undertaker, by

JOHN BERNARD, } Truſtees.
JOHN COX, }

RICHMOND, *April* 29, 1777.

AT a Meeting of a Majority of the Copartnery of *Joſhua Storrs*, *Hugh Wolfer*, and Company, the 18th Inſtant, it was reſolved and recommended that ſeveral of the Members prepare new Articles of Copartnerſhip, to be laid before a Meeting to be held at *Robert Warren's*, in the County of *New Kent*, on the laſt *Thurſday* in *May* next. I earneſtly requeſt that all the Members will comply with the aforeſaid Reſolution, and give their Attendance at the Time and Place above ſpecified. JOSHUA STORRS.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, in *Prince George*, the 17th of *March* laſt, a remarkably dark Negro Man named SIMON, about 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, had on, when he went off, a blue Coat and Waiſtcoat, white Breeches, a grey great Coat, and a black Velvet Cap. I ſuſpect he is lurking about Mr. *Robert Page's* of *Hanover*, where he has Connexions. Whoever brings the ſaid Slave to me, or gives me Information where he is, ſo that I get him, ſhall have 40 s. Reward. (1) JOHN GORDON.